ISI Activities In Rural Areas

1424. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since expedited the process of bringing out a white paper on the activities of Pakistan's ISI in India;

(b) if so, the latest position of process of bringing out a white paper on the activities of Pakistan's ISI in India;

(c) whether the activities of ISI are spreding even in rural areas of the country; and

(d) if so, what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Preparation of a White Paper on the activities of Pak ISI is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) Pak ISI is persisting with its efforts to foment terrorism in various parts of the country.

Central Government has been sensitising the State Governments about threat perceptions and movements of ISI activities, anti-national elements and insurgents from time to time. As a result of coordinated action, a number of ISI backed modules have been neutralised. Periodic coordination meetings are held with State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters and for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies, belonging to Union and States have been working together to counter the situation.